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NEDERLAND MAN GUILTY OF POSSESSING CHILD PORN

(Beaumont, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 47-year-old Nederland man has pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography on a computer in the Eastern District of Texas. **GARY KIM YOUNG** entered his guilty plea today before United States District Judge Thad Heartfield.

"Just today, the Department of Justice launched a national campaign to educate parents and children on the dangers of the internet," stated U.S. Attorney Orwig from the 18th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference being held in Dallas. "It is imperative that we protect our children from these sexual predators."

According to information presented in court, law enforcement authorities in Texas received information from federal agents in Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Florida, that Young was receiving and sending pornographic images of children from his home computer in Nederland. A federal search warrant was issued and Young's home computer was seized on July 26, 2002, and found to contain approximately 756 images of child pornography. Young was indicted in February 2006, and charged with using a computer to receive and possess pornographic images of minors.

Young faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a fine of up to

\$250,000.00. A sentencing date has not been set. Young remains in custody pending sentencing.

This case is part of the Project Safe Childhood initiative, a Department of Justice program that combines the efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement efforts in the investigation and prosecution of child exploitation matters, including child pornography.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Nederland Police Department, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Beaumont Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randall Fluke.

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